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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Sir or Madame:

This letter is a request for information from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("USEPA"), under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552 *et seq.*, and the USEPA's FOIA regulations, 40 C.F.R. § 2.100 *et seq.*

This request is being made both to USEPA Headquarters and USEPA Region IX because it is unclear in which location the requested documents may be retained.

I request that USEPA provide me with electronic or paper copies of:

All documents, including, but not limited to, correspondence with the California Department of Conservation, Division of Oil and Gas, or any predecessor state agency, regarding the re-injection of produced oil field water in the Santa Margarita zone in the Kern Front oil field in California, including, but not limited to, all documents discussing, mentioning or memorializing whether this zone is or is not exempt, or has received, is or was the subject of, an aquifer exemption under federal underground injection control rules and regulations.



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If possible, please provide electronic copies of the requested records in either of the following formats: CD or emailed as pdfs. If that is not possible, hard copies are acceptable. Please also provide any responsive materials on a rolling basis as they are located.

I represent a private business and am seeking the requested documents for its use. I look forward to your response within 20 days of your receipt of this request. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 2.102(d) and § 2.107, I agree to pay all applicable fees associated with processing this request.

Thank you in advance for your prompt consideration and assistance responding to this request. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, mnmills@stoel.com, 916-319-4642.

Very truly yours,

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